

WIASRD Public Use File

The Employment and Training Administration is providing you access to the Workforce Investment Act Standardized Record Data (WIASRD file) via the enclosed CD. Each year, states must submit their WIASRD file, which contains information on individuals who exited from WIA programs, to ETA as part of their annual performance reporting requirements. In order to address privacy and confidentiality concerns regarding this data, ETA has taken two steps:

- 1) The birth date for each exiter has been removed. It has been replaced with a whole number age variable (age in years), calculated using the birth date and the individual's date of registration into the program.
- 2) In instances where there were 50 or fewer individual records submitted for a given local area in a program year, ETA removed all records. Thus, ETA has removed 1,034 records from the national file (204 in PY 2002, 230 in PY 2003, and 600 in PY 2004) were deleted for this reason. The following local areas were deleted for this reason:
 - a. PY 2002 exiters in 4015, 4020, 19030, 19110, 19155, and 40025.
 - b. PY 2003 exiters in 4020, 6020, 19030, 19095, 19100, 19110, 19155, and 27080.
 - c. PY 2004 exiters in 4015, 4020, 4060, 6200, 6210, 15020, 19030, 19095, 19100, 19110, 19150, 19155, 21099, 24055, 25075, 27080, 40015, and 40025.

Please note: because these records were deleted from the public use file, aggregate information computed from this file may not match national aggregates produced and published by ETA.

To further address privacy and confidentiality concerns, your receipt of the data via CD serves as agreement to:

- 1) Use this information for valid research purposes only, not to identify any individual; and,
- 2) Present summaries of this information such that aggregate information reflecting characteristics, services or outcomes that could be used to identify an individual on eight (8) or fewer individuals will be suppressed from any findings made public.

Failure to comply with this agreement will result in denial of access to the WIASRD file in the future.

If you have any questions about the WIASRD or steps necessary to protect the data, please call ETA's Technology and Performance Office at 202-693-3031.